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## Spring Newsletter 2013

### SCLA Membership Renewal

The SCLA Board welcomes you to the new partnership between the Suffolk County Library Association (SCLA) and the New York Library Association (NYLA).

As you know, the SCLA membership voted to associate with NYLA and form a regional chapter. We are working through that transition, and have reached an important benchmark.

SCLAs membership roster has been imported into NYLAs membership database, allowing NYLA to begin the process of recognizing SCLA members and processing dues payments for SCLA. We are asking that you please go to the [NYLA Online Membership Center](#) and follow the steps to process your SCLA dues renewal payment for 2013.

You can also renew your membership at the SCLA table at this year's LILC.

Additional details on the SCLA / NYLA regional affiliate process can be found online: [CLICK HERE](#)

Thank you for your support of SCLA and your patience during this transition period. If you have any questions please email me at [jalbano@commackpubliclibrary.org](mailto:jalbano@commackpubliclibrary.org)

- Joanne Albano, SCLA President

### Long Island Library Conference

Join us on Thursday, May 2, 2013 for a conference that is jam-packed with 21 programs and exhibits. Your Associations have been hard at work getting ready to meet & greet you at their tables.

Jack Gantos is our Keynote Speaker.

Please visit the [LILC website](#) to find out more.

[Click here to register](#). Or register at the door for the same price as advanced registration!

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Remember to stop by the SCLA table and grab one of our great giveaways! You can also renew your SCLA membership right at the table!

## Mutt-i-grees®

Are you looking for new ideas for library programming to engage children, tweens, and teens? Mutt-i-grees® in the Library can help! Over the past few years, North Shore Animal League has developed a school-based initiative called the Mutt-i-grees® Curriculum that uses books, crafts, and activities about shelter dogs (Mutt-i-grees®) to teach children and teens social and emotional skills.

They are now expanding this initiative to public libraries, and are currently looking for libraries that might be interested in piloting Mutt-i-grees® programming. Mutt-i-grees® in the Library provides librarians with plans, strategies, and materials to actively engage children and teens by using activities, crafts, and books about dogs. Middle Country Public Library is the national pilot site for Mutt-i-grees® in the Library.

There is no cost to pilot; we only ask for feedback from librarians implementing the activities. Sample activities include:

- Baking dog biscuits to donate to local shelter
- Making no-sew pet blankets to donate to local shelter
- Mutt-i-grees® Meditation & Yoga
- Canine Reading
- Mutt-i-grees® Storytimes
- Community outreach with teen clubs

If you are interested in learning more, please contact Kay Hammerson, Multi-grees Program Manager and Librarian, [atkayh@animalleague.org](mailto:atkayh@animalleague.org) or by phone at (516) 459-6628.

For more information, see their [website](#).

## Children's Librarians Needed

*Participants needed for an early literacy focus group at the Long Island Library Conference*

If you are attending the LILC on May 2, please consider giving your input to the State Library's plan for early literacy training. Elaine Meyers, public library and early literacy trainer and program coordinator, along with Karen Balsen, New York State Library liaison to youth services librarians statewide, have developed an opportunity for children's librarians to preview data collected on early literacy and **participate in a focus group** at the Long Island Library Conference to help refine needs and preferences for a statewide early literacy training plan for public libraries. If you regularly conduct early literacy story times, outreach programs, and/or family services under the umbrella of "early literacy," then please share your thoughts with Elaine and Karen on this important topic. For more information, the focus group is listed under "programs"



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#### Newsletter

Jennifer Fowler,  
West Islip Public  
Library

on the [LILC website](#). Please note that this focus group will be limited to no more than 40 participants, and you cannot register ahead of time for the focus group, as it is considered a "program" at the library conference.

Can't make it on May 2? If you will be in Rochester for the NYLA/YSS Conference, there will be another early literacy focus group meeting, on Thursday, May 16 from 3:30 to 5 pm. The event is sponsored by the Monroe County Library System in cooperation with YSS/NYLA, and will be held at the Central Library of Rochester and Monroe County/Rundel Building at 115 South Avenue, Rochester, NY.

The Rochester focus group will last 90 minutes and is limited to 30 participants. Please RSVP to Karen Balsen at [kbalsen@mail.nysed.gov](mailto:kbalsen@mail.nysed.gov) to indicate that you plan to participate in the Rochester group. Karen will keep track of those who are attending and notify you of the meeting room location at the Central Library.

The Focus Group will take place the Thursday afternoon before the 2013 May Hill Arbuthnot Honor Lecture and the 2013 Youth Services Section Spring conference.

For full information about these events [click here](#).

- Lisa Kropp, SCLS Youth Services Coordinator

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## News from RASD

RASD will be presenting two programs at the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Long Island Library Conference on Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Melville Marriot: "Partnering to Save Lives," a panel discussion on the role of libraries during times of disaster, and "Public Library Services to Older Adults," our joint program with NCLA/RASD. We hope to see you there - stop by our association table and say hello!

On Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 2pm, author J.R. Moehringer will be appearing at the Plainview-Old Bethpage Library for a talk and book signing of **Sutton**, this year's *Long Island Reads* selection. Please visit [www.longislandreads.org](http://www.longislandreads.org) for more information and resources.

RASD works hard to bring new ideas and knowledge to colleagues and library communities. If you would like to get involved, please contact us at [rasd@suffolk.lib.ny.us](mailto:rasd@suffolk.lib.ny.us).

- Cathi Nashak, RASD President

## News from YASD

Suffolk YASD is delighted to announce that author Patricia McCormick will be the guest of honor during Session 3 the day of the Long Island Library Conference. Ms. McCormick is known for her compassionate approach to controversial subjects through her books, which include ***Purple Heart***, ***Sold, My Brothers Keeper***, and ***Cut***. Suffolk YASD

invites you to join this two-time National Book Award Finalist as she discusses the past, present, and expanding future of young adult literature.

- *Sheila Doherty, YASD President*

## News from CATS

CATS of SCLA will be sponsoring the following program at the LILC during Session II:

### **The Promises and Perils of Mobile Communication**

Manager of Information and Technology Services Bob Johnson, Director Ted Gutmann and Librarian Stephen Ingram will discuss how mobile communication is changing the way people are accessing information and how it is shifting library services. The presentation will concentrate on the digital environment created by these devices, a demonstration of the Emma S. Clark Library mobile app for library services, and cover concerns of online privacy. Come see the three unique perspectives in the ever-changing mobile arena.

- *Stephen Ingram, President of CATS*

## News from SSD

The Support Staff Division of SCLA held its our annual Roundtable on March 13, 2013 at Brentwood Public Library. This is one of our most popular presentations because it provides an opportunity for support staff to meet and mingle with colleagues from other libraries.

SSD is sponsoring the following program at this year's LILC during Session III:

### **Your Retirement Benefits**

A comprehensive look at the NYS and local retirement system from the moment you join through retiring and beyond. The speaker is Mr. Arthur Greene, NYS & Local Retirement Consultant at the Hauppauge Office.

- *Anne McCaffrey, SSD President*

## News from DASL

The Division of Academic and Special Libraries is thrilled to sponsor Dr. Yanek Mieczkowski who will be presenting **Hidden Treasures at Presidential Libraries** for the Long Island Library Conference.

Dr. Mieczkowski will be discussing his experience researching in presidential libraries and the writing of his books: *Eisenhower's Sputnik Moment: The Race for Space and World Prestige* (Cornell University Press, 2013) and *Gerald Ford and the Challenges of the 1970s* (University Press of Kentucky, 2005).

Currently the chair of the history department at Dowling College, Dr. Mieczkowski has appeared on numerous national and syndicated television programs, including ABC News, CNN, Fox News, C-SPAN, and WNBC-New York and served as a consultant to the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Long-time member of DASL, Diane Holliday will be presenting the exhibit **Idle Hour William K. Vanderbilt's Estate, Oakdale NY: A Collection of Historic Photographs**. The exhibit will be on view at the Brookwood Hall Historic Exhibit Room in the Islip Art Museum located on 50 Irish Lane in East Islip, NY thru June 16, 2013.

- Claudia McGivney, DASL President

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